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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/530,238
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Applicant: Kumiko ONO
Group Art Unit: 2135
Examiner: Darren B. Schwartz
Title: Session Control Server, Communication Device,
Communication System and Communication Method, and
Program and Recording Medium for the Same
Attorney Docket: 5259-000049/NP

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2008, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I and Species 2, readable on claims 5-6, 10-15, drawn to a communication device, a procedure for a session control server, classified in class 713, subclass 168, for prosecution in this application.

However, Applicants believe that claims 7-9 should be categorized into not only Species 1, but also Species 2 since claim 7 recites a terminal operation related to receiving and sending of a public key certificate and a server operation responsive to the terminal operation, claim 8 recites a unit which communicates a validity term of a public

key certificate, and claim 9 recites a unit which sends a registration request for a public key certificate, etc. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to also examine claims 7-9 at this time.

Applicant makes this election without prejudice and reserves the right to prosecute the remaining claims at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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